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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-25 (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) A method of delivering an oligonucleotide across a mucosal membrane in a human, comprising introducing to the mucosal membrane a non-parenteral multi-particulate formulation comprising:  
a plurality of carrier particles;  
an oligonucleotide to be delivered across a mucosal membrane; and  
capric acid, wherein said carrier particles have a diameter of about 0.1 to about 1000 microns.

27. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 26, wherein said oligonucleotide and said formulation is administered orally.

28. (Canceled)

29. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein said carrier particles have a diameter of about 0.1 to about 500 microns.

30. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein said carrier particles have a diameter of about 1 to about 300 microns.